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SUBJECT : M16A1 RIFLES OF UAEDF; VISIT BY COLT REP.

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1. DCM CALLED COL. ABDULLA ABDUL GALIL OF UAE DF GHQ NOV. 7 TO INQUIRE AGAIN ABOUT STATUS RIFLE COMPETITION AND SPECIFICALLY ABOUT UTILITY OF COLT REP VISIT AT THIS TIME. COL. ABDUL GALIL STATED THAT COMPETITION WAS NOW SCHEDULED BEGIN NOVEMBER 13 AND WOULD LAST FOR ONE WEEK AFTER WHICH DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN. HE REITERATED EARLIER POSITION THAT TESTING WOULD BE UAE DF IN-HOUSE EXERCISE AND THAT THERE WAS THEREFORE NO PURPOSE COLT REP. STONE COMING NOW.

2. COMMENT: WE OBVIOUSLY NOT IN POSITION TO ASSURE COLT THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, BUT DELAYS AND PROCRASTINATION ARE NAME OF GAME AROUND HERE. WE CONTINUE TO HEAR GOOD NOISES ABOUT M16A1 AND TEND BELIEVE THAT COMPETITION PROBABLY FOR REAL--PART OF MORE SYSTEMATIZED PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES WHICH GENERAL KHALDI TRYING TO BRING TO NEWLY UNIFIED UAE DF. AMBASSADOR HOPES TO RAISE STATUS OF COLT SALE WITH CROWN PRINCE SHAIKH KHALIFA, WHO MADE ORIGINAL REQUEST RE M16'S, DURING PERIOD WHEN DECISION BEING MADE ON BASIC RIFLE FOR UAE ARMED FORCES. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE FOLLOW UP AND ADVISE WHEN THERE IS

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ANYTHING SPECIFIC TO REPORT.

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